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From: KHUBER@CWA1168.ORG
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, Jun 4, 2003 6:47 AM
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From: Douglas Silver
To: Doug Silver
Date: Wed, Jun 4, 2003 6:57 AM
Subject: Here's what media consolidation does for business. ROLL BACK OWNERSHIP LIMITS!

Creative Media Direct To Cease Operations

Marketing firm Creative Media Direct will close shop at the end of this month.

CMD President Nancy Izor says, "We'll always be proud of our contributions to the industry over the last decade and a half and value the longstanding friendships we've forged in our travels."

VP Gordon Obarski comments, "Consolidation, 9/11, anthrax, recession, rising costs, lower profit margins, budget cuts, Baghdad - we decided not to wait around for whatever's next."

Izor founded the company after leaving Cincinnati-based Harte-Hanks Broadcast Direct Marketing in 1987.

From: Douglas Silver
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Subject: The Telecom Bill of 1996 and especially the FCC have gone too far. ROLL BACK OWNERSHIP LIMITS.

FMC Criticizes FCC Vote

The following are excerpts from the Future Of Music Coalition's response to Monday's FCC media ownership vote.

The Future of Music Coalition is a not-for-profit collaboration between members of the music, technology, public policy and intellectual property law communities. The FMC also aims to identify and promote innovative business models that will help musicians and citizens benefit from new technologies.

"The Republican majority at the FCC made a cynical and short-sighted decision to push forward with their campaign to reduce and eliminate time-honored rules and safeguards which have defended access to diverse, competitive and local media. In doing so, they blatantly ignored the will of public and warnings from industry leaders, congressional representatives, city councils, consumer advocates, academics, creators and community groups.

"These rules were originally enacted to prevent the growth of media monopolies and ensure a diversity of voices. In their absence we anticipate a period of unprecedented consolidation and a swift transformation of our existing media to one that is less representative, less responsive, less diverse, and less competitive. The negative impact of these changes on culture, civic participation and democracy cannot be understated.

"In their dissenting statements, Commissioners Copps and Adelstein critiqued the substance, process and outcomes of what Commissioner Copps called the granddaddy of all media reviews. Both commissioners expressed concerns that this decision overrides the better judgment of the American people and capitulates to the demands of the media corporations that the FCC is charged to oversee. The dissenting commissioners urged members of the public to stay engaged in what FMC believes will surely be a formidable national movement working for less concentrated media.

"The FMC released Radio Deregulation: Has It Served Citizens and Musicians? in late-2002. In this report, the FMC thoroughly examined the effect of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on radio industry, concluding that radio has become less diverse, less local, and less competitive. The report urged policymakers to see the negative consequences of the deregulation of the radio industry as a 'cautionary tale,' before proceeding with this broader media ownership rulemaking. According to the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters, since 1997, the number of minority owners of broadcast facilities has plummeted by 14 percent

"In April 2003, the FMC sent a letter co-signed by over 30 top-tier musicians to FCC Chairman Michael Powell. The letter urged the FCC to grant Congress and the public a full opportunity to review any proposed changes of media ownership rules before they are enacted. To date over 4100 artists have added their signatures to this letter, which was re-delivered to the FCC on May 28 "

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